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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The Secretary-General reports quarterly on the use of gratis personnel. The present report covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 1999, during which time 93 type II gratis personnel left the Organization. One such personnel remains in service, at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

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1. The General Assembly, by paragraph 6 of its resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, requested the Secretary-General to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution with a view to ensuring compliance with its provisions.

2. The present report updates previous quarterly reports (A/52/709 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/43, A/C.5/52/51, A/C.5/52/56, A/53/715 and A/C.5/53/54) and covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 1999.

3. During the reporting period, 93 type II gratis personnel separated from the Organization, as follows: 75 from the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, 2 from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 8 from the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, 1 from the Office of the Iraq Programme and 7 from the United Nations Office at Nairobi. No new type II gratis personnel were engaged during the period.

4. As at 31 March 1999, one type II gratis personnel remains in service, at the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

5. The General Assembly, in its resolution 53/218 of 7 April 1999, noted that, with one exception, all type II gratis personnel had been phased out by 28 February 1999.

6. As indicated by the representative of the Office of Human Resources Management to the Fifth Committee at its fifty-first meeting, an administrative instruction is in the process of being issued, containing the policy and guidelines approved by the General Assembly on the acceptance of type II gratis personnel.

7. The annex to the present report shows the evolution of the number of type I gratis personnel.

Annex

Evolution of the numbers of type I gratis personnel

	Interns I (a)	*Associate experts (200 series) I (b)*	*Technical cooperation experts (ST AI 231 Rev 1) I (c)*	*United Nations Special Commission (S 22508) I (d)*	*Total*
31 October 1996	131	76	31	112	350
30 September 1997	195	72	32	109	408
30 September 1998	214	115	31	18	378
31 December 1998	20	149	26	35	230
31 March 1999	22	129	19	25	195